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I have asked the Department of State to keep in close touch with your Embassy in order to ensure that any joint measures which may become necessary to protect U.S. and Jamaican security are fully coordinated.

Very truly yours,

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